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**SSC CSCO reaches critical milestone for IA-Pre, roll-out begins today**

**EL SEGUNDO, Calif.** –The Space Systems Command (SSC) Commercial Services Office (CSCO) has announced today the roll-out of the Infrastructure Asset Pre-Approval (IA-Pre) initiative. IA-Pre is a robust cybersecurity initiative to strengthen CSCO’s service assessments and acquisitions for the DoD.

“Our office will begin accepting IA-Pre applications for a limited number of assets to perform assessments,” said Jared Reece, Program Analyst, CSCO Solutions Branch. “IA-Pre’s roll-out signifies reaching another vital milestone for COMSATCOM mission assurance, and to counter near-peer adversaries’ cyberattacks that can negatively impact commercial satellites, which the U.S. military increasingly relies on for communications.”

IA-Pre replaces a self-assessment process where commercial companies wanting to do business with DoD had previously submitted their required system information via a questionnaire. The CSCO will then use this questionnaire for evaluation during the acquisition process. IA-Pre will supplant the CSCO Information Assurance Questionnaire (CIAQ) with newer requirements. It will ensure effective safeguards are applied and validated; and weaknesses are mitigated to reduce the cybersecurity risks which could impact DoD missions who use CSCO for services. The initiative also emphasizes on-site assessments for verification of cybersecurity compliance using 3rd party assessors certified and licensed by the U.S. Space Force (USSF) Security Controls Assessor (SCA).

“Commercial industry’s involvement is critical to ensure our success, and we’re optimistic that the CSCO’s industry engagement will result in continuous feedback to ensure that a successful program is developed as a partnership,” said Clare Grason, CSCO Division chief. “We’re looking forward to the positive impact that IA-Pre will have in the future for all our stakeholders.

As industry progresses through the IA-Pre Program, the U.S. Space Force Authorizing Official (AO) will review their cybersecurity assessment results for approval. CSCO will then place the industry partner and the assessed assets into an approved platform list. The industry partner will no longer require a cybersecurity evaluation prior to award of a contract for covered assets. IA-pre-trials are anticipated to start in June.

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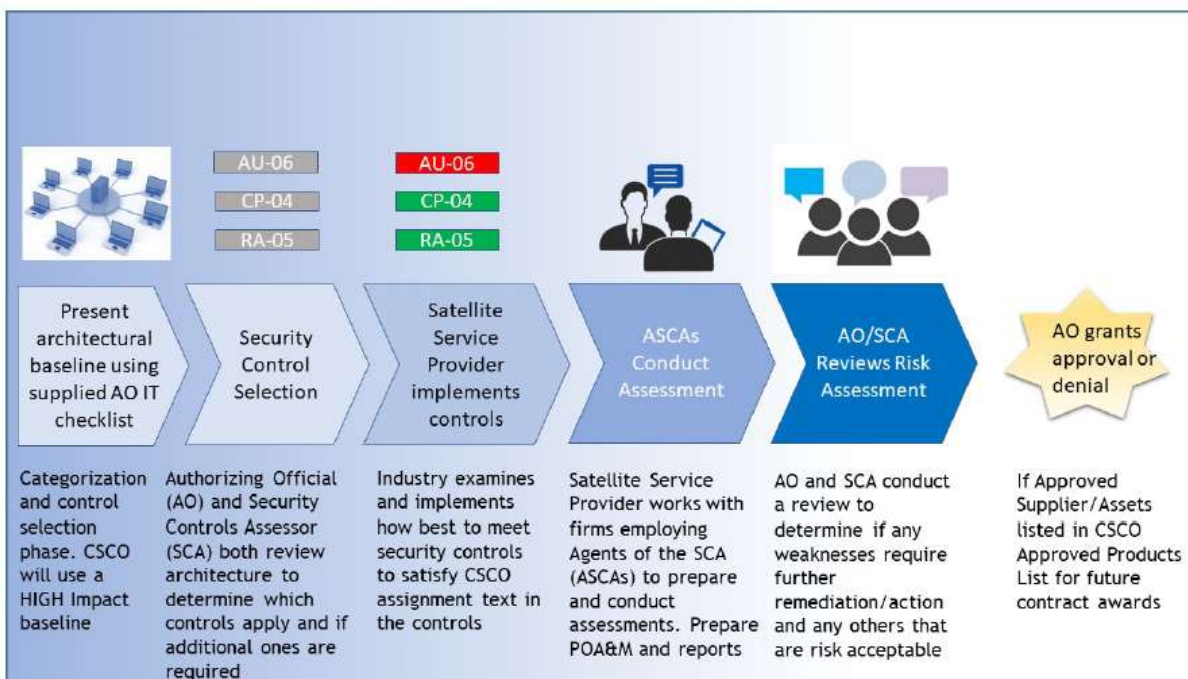
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